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fortunes of the Party and the position of his leader. So, at all events, it was at the Convention of 1919 that, instead of allowing others to put forward his rightful claims to the leadership of the Party which, I believe, had they been put forward, would or at all events should have won for him the leadership, he became the leader of the delegates from his own province in the determination to throw their support my way, as toward one whom they believed shared political ideas and ideals of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and who had not failed him in the hour of his greatest need.

So, Mr. Chairman, at the Convention of 1919, the wheel of fortune stopped where it did, far short of fulfilling expectations more than justified in the case of my friend Lapointe, and ran on till it stopped at myself at what, to many, must have seemed at the time, infinite risk to the Party and its future. However, here we are, almost twenty years from the time of that Convention and, since that time, have carried four general elections, and been in office nearly twelve years, and have today, in the House of Commons, a Liberal membership greater than that which any political party has ever had in the history of our country. If such is the case and no one can deny the truth of each

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